



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2021 **Conducted via Digital Media**

1. Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the meeting. Madelene wished Ian Don and his wife many congratulations of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Madelene delivered a card on behalf of BCC. Thanks to Owen for setting up the meeting.

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Madelene Hunt (Chair), Stuart McAllister, Siobhan Samson, , Owen Griffiths, Valerie Spowart, Wendy Turner (Minute Secretary), Lennox Ainslie, Austin Reid, Robyn Adamson

In attendance Councillor David Aitchison, Councillor Lynn Munro, Adrian Mahoney

2. Apologies for Absence

Joan Boyd, Brian Laird, Chloe Whyte, Ian Don (Treasurer), Gael MacFarlane, Ashley Sneddon

3. Minutes of the 9th December 2020 Meeting

Minutes read and proposed by Siobhan Samson and seconded by Val Spowart

4. Matters Arising

The FOI requests will be prepared by Wendy Ture rans Siobhan Samson and sent to Madelene Hunt for onwards delivery to Falkirk Council.

Community Consultation – the second meeting has been postponed and news will be sent out about the re-scheduled meeting. A sub=group of the BCC had met to discuss the first meeting and how to respond to the need for consultation with the Community.

Gates at Kinneil Gardens = Lynn Munro reported that the information came from the Falkirk Council bulletin. Frequently decisions are made before the Councillors have chance to respond. She agreed to make further investigation about this project. The Committee agreed that repairs to the road at Kinneil would be more beneficial than the new gates.

Madelene reported that she had not met with Jackie McArthur but was hopeful of a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

5. Reports

Police there was no Police Report for January.

Adrian Mahoney attended the meeting in his capacity as a Project Consultant for Sustrans and the Foreshore Project. Adrian is consulting the community on the Heritage stories that might be told along the Foreshore (Kinneil to Carriden). He would like to hear the BCC's views. Robyn Adamson asked what age group this will be for and Adrian explained that it would cover all age groups. Suggestions included whaling, No.1 Pit, the Naval Base and curling rinks. Robyn Adamson suggested not including tobacco and alcohol. Adrian explained he thought tobacco would allow the story of slavery to be told. Val Spowart agreed to contact the Church in order to get stories from the older generation who might not fill in the questionnaire. The method of delivery of these stories are likely to be varied, including interpretation boards and audio points. Lynn Munro suggested the use of local maps. Madelene Hunt suggested an outdoor gym on the foreshore. Adrian asked that anyone who is interested to email him. The Advisory Group will be meeting and Madelene will be attending.

Stuart McAllister reported there are no current applications. Falkirk Council had apologised for not sending out notifications.

Siobhan Samson reported on the excessive flaring at INEOS. Madelene Hunt reported that she had still not received a reply from David East. Siobhan Samson has written to SEPA twice, in a personal capacity, but received no reply. It was agreed that BCC should write to SEPA. Siobhan Samson agreed to write a letter for Madelene to send out.

Lynn Munro reported on a Falkirk Council Bio-Diversity Project which will see 32 – 43 sites in the Project. This will involve Grassland Management and it is likely there will be two sites; verges at the Drum and Kinnigers Park. Lynn Munro reported that there would be consultation after the pilots. The BCC felt this was the wrong way round as the local community might interpret this as a cost saving exercise rather than a Bio-Diversity Project. Local communities might have suggestions for this Project. Madelene Hunt commented that, once it began it would need to be maintained. Val Spowart reported on the use of pesticides which are banned by the EU but which could now be used by the Council. She asked that this be looked at.

6. Correspondence

Madelene Hunt reported that she had received a request for help with a planning application in Grahamsdyke Place. She directed him to Falkirk Planning Department.

Madelene Hunt reported that she had received correspondence about the distribution of a Jehovah's Witness leaflet. BCC agreed that as it is not concerned with religion or politics it is not appropriate to respond.

A request for information about bin collections had been received. Reference to the Falkirk Council website had been sent.

A road safety issue had been dealt with by Ann Ritchie.

7. A.O.C.B.

Wendy Turner asked about the noise which is believed to be from the Bakkavor Air Conditioning Unit. David Aitchison said that it would need to be confirmed that the noise

is coming from there. Siobhan Samson described that atmospheric conditions could affect this. David Aitchison agreed to make contact with Bakkavor.

Siobhan Samson reported that screws and nails had been found in South Street. T is believed this may be to prevent cars racing along South Street. This is a police matter however David Aitchison agreed to contact the Town Centre Manager.

Wendy Turner reminded the meeting about the Litter Strategy Survey.

Madelene Hunt offered congratulations to Siobhan and her husband on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Madelene Hunt reported that nominations for the McLaren trophy would be discussed at the next meeting.

Lennox Ainslie gave thanks to the Chair.

The date of our next meeting is 10th February 2021.